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## GOVERNMENT EMERGES AS NEW SANTA CLAUS Big Supplies At Low Prices

BEGINNING WITH A FIRST ISSUE TO DAY (FRIDAY) TO BE IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR, GOVERNMENT ARE MAKING AVAILABLE A BIG SUPPLY OF MEAT IN HONG KONG AT PRICES WHICH CHALLENGE THE CURRENT MARKET RATES. IN ADDITION TO CHEAPNESS, THE IMPORTED MEATS ARE OF A SUPERIOR QUALITY. THIS IS A CALCULATED ATTEMPT BY GOVERNMENT TO SEE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THE POORER PEOPLE, GET A FAIR DEAL ON THE FOOD MARKET.

BLOW IS A TABLE SHOWING PRICES OF THE IMPORTED MEATS, BUTTER AND CHEESE, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AGAINST THE PRICES NOW RULING ON THE MARKET:

|               | Imported Locally |
|---------------|------------------|
| Beef, round   | \$1.00 per lb.   |
| Beef, rump    | 75¢ per lb.      |
| Beef, sirloin | 75¢ per lb.      |
| Chicken       | 15¢ per lb.      |
| Chicken       | 15¢ per lb.      |
| Butter        | 80¢ per lb.      |
| Cheese        | 50¢ per lb.      |

The imported cheese is Cheddar, and the imported butter is of the choice grade.

In addition boned beef will be available under this Government marketing at 50cts a pound, and stewing steak at 30cts a pound.

The government prices are in sharp contrast to the market rates when it is remembered that the latter have taken a steep rise in the last 10 days, pork which was selling at \$2.60 last week had gone up to \$4.00 a catty yesterday.

The scheme provides for distribution at five points as under:

Lane Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg (Annex); Dairy Farm Depot, 2, Lower Albert Road; Dairy Farm Depot, Dairy Section, East Point; Dairy Farm Depot, Nathan Road Branch; Dairy Farm Depot, Kansu St, Canton Rd. Depot.

Imports cuts of veal and mutton will also be made available, and start in the cutting up of carcasses has been made.

ORDER TO DAY

The first issue is being made to day (Friday), and will be against book orders only. These orders will be executed on Sunday and on Monday, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Orders will be received up to 5 p.m. to day (Friday) at each of the above distribution points except the Kansu St, Canton Road Depot of the Dairy Farm. Payment must be made at the time of the order, and customers must go for their purchases between the hours stated above, no deliveries will be made.

FROM AUSTRALIA

As far as to day (Friday) is concerned, the orders will be confined to the following fare:

Turkeys 8-15 lb. Birds (dressed but not drawn) \$2.46

Chickens 3-6 lb. Birds (dressed but not drawn) \$2.55

Hams—refrigerated, about 14 lbs. each (whole) \$2.05

Hams—half, chump end \$2.10

Hams—half, shank end \$2.00

Mutton legs, about 6-7 lbs. (whole or half) .95

Roast Beef ..... \$1.30

A shipment has been received from Australia, and if the weather permits a resumption of off-loading, butter and cheese will be for sale on Monday, at the prices quoted above, namely \$1.00 a lb. of cheddar butter and \$1.50 a lb. for Cheddar cheese.

The boneless beef and the stewing steak, at 50 cts. and 30 cts. respectively, will be on sale soon.

## Nationalisation Of The Bank

LONDON, DEC. 20. NATIONALISATION OF THE 500-YEAR-OLD BANK OF ENGLAND WON FINAL APPROVAL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT BY A VOTE OF 306 TO 126. THE MEASURE WAS SENT TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The bill provides for transfer of the financial institution to public ownership.

Legislation to put Britain's coal mining industry under public ownership was introduced in the Commons and given its formal first reading.—Associated Press.

## WILL GO TO THE LIMIT

CHUNGKING, DEC. 20. OBSERVERS IN CHUNGKING PREDICTED THAT BOTH NATIONAL AND CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS PARTICULARLY THE LATTER WILL "GO TO THE LIMIT" IN MAKING CONCESSIONS AT THE FORTHCOMING PEACE PARLEYS.

Each party, they pointed out, would seek to convince General Marshall, the new U.S. envoy, of their sincere desire for peace.

A Chinese press dispatch, meanwhile, confirmed earlier reports that the Communist siege of inner-Mongolian Paotow and Kweisiui, on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad, has been completely lifted, although fighting is reported to have continued elsewhere.

Negotiations continue in Changchun on the question of moving Chinese Government troops into Mukden, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Chieh told news-men to-day.—Associated Press.

## Govt. Brings Cheap Wood

Two thousand tons of firewood has arrived in the Colony from Borneo, and is in process of delivery to dealers both in Hongkong and Kowloon.

This wood, which is well-known to consumers as of first-class quality, is being made available to the public by Government at \$4.00 a picul, thus further reducing the market price for this essential commodity.

In spite of shipping difficulties, Government are trying to maintain a regular supply of Borneo firewood. It is hoped that another shipment will arrive shortly.

U.N.O. ON JANUARY 10

London, Dec. 20. The plenary session of the United Nations preparatory commission to-day unanimously agreed that Jan. 10 should be the date for opening of the first part of the session of the United Nations general assembly at the Central Hall at Westminster.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI TURNS OUT TO GREET MARSHALL

SHANGHAI, DEC. 20. GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, NEW SPECIAL AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, LANDED AT SHANGHAI'S KIANGWAN AIRFIELD SHORTLY BEFORE 2 P.M. TO-DAY ON HIS MISSION OF MOMENTOUS IMPORTANCE TO CHINA'S HOPES OF PEACE. THE 66-YEAR-OLD FORMER AMERICAN CHIEF OF STAFF, DELEGATED TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO BRING UNIFICATION TO CHINA, ARRIVED FROM MANILA IN A SILVER C-54 TRANSPORT PLANE, TO BE MET BY AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF AMERICAN AND CHINESE OFFICIALS.

General Marshall is expected to fly to Nanking, perhaps Friday, for his first meeting with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek since the Cairo conference.

A crowd of about 300 greeted Marshall, who proceeded to the Cathay Hotel along a road lined by thousands of persons eager for a glimpse of the famed American war leader and the man on whom a tremendous weight of hope for settlement of China's troubles has been placed.

The group greeting Marshall at the airport included: Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American commander in China; Walter Robertson, acting U.S. Minister at Chungking; Vice-Adm. Daniel Barbey, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet; Rear-Adm. C. Turner Joy, commander of the Yangtze Patrol; Paul Jones, U.S. Consul General in Shanghai; Gen. Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief of Chinese armies representing Chiang Kai-shek; and Gen. Liao Yongsing, commanding of the new Chinese Sixth Army.

Paul McNutt, U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines, was expected to follow Marshall to Shanghai for a conference with Wedemeyer in which Marshall was expected to participate. Associated Press.

## Stalin Receives Byrnes And Bevin

MOSCOW, DEC. 20. JOSEF STALIN RECEIVED U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES AND BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER BEVIN IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY. THE RUSSIAN LEADER WAS REPORTED LOOKING WELL AND RESTED. BYRNES AND BEVIN ALSO CONFERRED FOR THE FOURTH TIME WITH FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV, IN A SESSION LASTING AN HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE FIFTH MEETING WOULD BE SHORT, FOR MOLOTOV SENT INVITATIONS FOR A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION TO-DAY.

The Chinese ambassador, Mr. Foo Jen-sheng, called on Bevin yesterday. He visited Bevin on Monday.

It was reported that Soviet experts in Japanese affairs were summoned to a conference with Molotov.

Izvestia complained of "Japanese criminals in the toga of democracy." It said many Japanese war criminals had been arrested and will face trial, but added:

"How many war criminals are not only free but are even continuing to take part in the state life of Japan?"

At the present moment in the halls of the Japanese parliament an experiment is going on which although little understandable at first glance, could sooner be called a farce." Associated Press.

SEPARATE INTERVIEWS

MOSCOW, DEC. 20. MR. ERNEST BEVIN, BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER, AND MR. JAMES BYRNE, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, LAST NIGHT HAD SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITH GENERALISSIMO STALIN.

It was Generalissimo Stalin's first public act since returning to Moscow from his ten-weeks holiday at Sochi on the Black Sea. Mr. Bevin was accompanied by Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Foreign Under-Secretary, and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador.

The Big Three Foreign Ministers, following yesterday's two-hour session, will meet again today for their fifth session.

No statement was made after yesterday's meeting, but it is understood that the Persian question was discussed.

M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is giving a cocktail party to the British and United States Foreign Ministers and their assistants to-night. Reuter.

## Police Chief To Be Tried

MOSCOW, DEC. 20. ROLAND SARLEY, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FRENCH MUNICIPAL POLICE WILL BE TRIED PUBLICLY WITHIN A FEW DAYS FOR ALLEGED MILITARY ESPIONAGE DESPITE VIGOROUS PROTESTS BY THE FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL.

Chinese authorities indicated the case will go before the High Court, the first case in which a foreigner is to be tried since the abolition of extraterritoriality.

Foreigners regard it as a test case showing what they may expect under the Chinese courts.

Under the former administration Sarley could have been arrested and tried only by the French and not the Chinese.

Sarley is charged with having furnished military information to the Japanese in the beginning of the fight for Shanghai also of assisting the Japanese and the puppet secret service. Associated Press.

## SEVEN S.S. MEN TO BE EXECUTED

MOSCOW, DEC. 20. THE TRIAL OF THE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS ENDED ITS FIRST SESSION TO DAY FOR ITS CHRISTMAS RECESS. IT WILL RESUME ITS SITTING ON JAN. 3.

A RUSSIAN MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO DAY SENTENCED SEVEN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN S.S. ORGANISATION TO DEATH AND THREE TO TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR 20, 15 AND 10 YEARS ON CHARGES OF ATROGIES IN SILESIA DURING THE WAR.

THE NEWSPIPER EXPLAINED: "ACTUALLY THE DECISION TO GRANT A STAY IMPLIES NOTHING MORE THAN THE JUSTICES HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER THEY SHOULD RECEIVE YAMASHITA'S CASE."

AND EVEN IF THE ULTIMATE DECISION SHOULD BE TO GIVE HIM A HEARING, THAT WOULD BE MOTIVATED NOT BY ANY SOFTNESS OR SYMPATHY FOR YAMASHITA, BUT BY A PROPER DESIRE TO INSURE PROPER JUDICIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ONE IMPORTANT ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN RAISED BY YAMASHITA'S CONVICTION BY AN AMERICAN MILITARY COMMISSION."

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## WHY?

The suggestion that a very minute of the BBC's broadcast, every now and again be given up to the answering of questions on the immediate problems of the day by a Minister or some other responsible person, may be traced to a certain restiveness in a world where patience is becoming frayed. Now that the war is over, the civilian, or the soldier about to resume his civilian status, has a lot to carry in his head if he wants to work out a satisfactory explanation of shortage and of laws, classes, priorities, groupments, zones. "Sometimes I *forget* do the synchronising, my hand gets so thick," complained Miss Wetherell's Daisy, "and I have to take two or three days for it." There are many who will sympathise with her, and the patient ranks are beginning to feel they have a right to some explanation for the problems of the day. It is true that speculations are continually being made which, if read diligently and in full, contain the clues to what the dissatisfied want to know, but diligent reading is not as common a skill as one needs something more definite and easily understood. It takes a very little to paralyse a crowd waiting in sunshine. For the players to come out of the pavilion after heavy rain and working themselves up into a fury over the apparent inaction of all in authority will be punctuated by the sight of a blackboard announcing that the pitch will be resurfaced at 3 p.m. Information carries in itself the power to soothe even if it promises more distress.

The Socratic pattern of question and answer is one that particularly commands its own. That particular command of the moment "Quiz" has lost its old Regency air of tolerant and condescending humour, and has come to represent those exercises in general knowledge which have become almost as popular as the crossword puzzle, itself an ingenious method of imparting and extracting knowledge. Never, it seems, was knowledge in such demand, and those about to put off their uniforms and probably more avid for it than civilians who have learnt to take refusal with that meekness which does not inquire into causes. "Their's not to reason why" may be a good military maxim for the heat of action, but it is not accepted as unequivocally as when Tennyson proclaimed it, and does not apply at all to affairs outside the immediate orbit of service. The ABCA has taught something more than the ABC of citizenship, and the private of to day is almost as well equipped as Gilbert's Major-General in the matter of miscellaneous knowledge. That children should be seen and not heard is a discredited nursery ruling, and that little word "why," in spite of the embarrassment of sometimes causes, is now encouraged, rather than suppressed. Governments should prove themselves no less liberal and enlightened than parents, and a little brief answering of pertinent questions would help every one to bear the inconveniences and rigours of the peace.

## TOBACCO THEFT

Imprisonment for four weeks with hard labour was imposed on Yue Chol by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Court yesterday morning when he pleaded guilty to four and a half months' imprisonment with hard labour.

## XMAS MAIL DELAYED

Volunteer Orders reveal that owing to the hold up in the United Kingdom, due to dock strikes, not all Christmas surface mail ex U.K. will be delivered by Christmas Day. The probable date of delivery of the residue will be mid-January.

## PROHIBITED AREA

An area round the Stanley Peninsular marked by buoys surrounded by white and red flags is a prohibited area to junks or other craft.

This information is conveyed in a Harbour Office notification which warns that junks or other craft ignoring the notice are liable to be fined upon without warning.

## Kowloon's First Tenancy Tribunals

TENANCY TRIBUNALS ON THE KOWLOON SIDE COMMENCED Sittings YESTERDAY WITH MR. F. X. D'ALMADA AND MR. HORACE LO PRESIDING. THREE CASES WERE HEARD, ALL BEING APPLICATIONS FOR EVICTIONS.

Application for eviction on the ground that he was ejected from a portion of the premises during the Japanese occupation was brought by Yeung Tee-tong against Chan Wai-chuen, of the Wing Fung Tai firm, occupying No. 113, Pei Ho Street, ground floor.

The application was heard before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. F. X. d'Almada, G. P. de Martin and F. C. Mow Fung. The applicant was represented by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks. Appellant was not represented.

Applicant said he became tenant early in 1942. He had not been in arrears. He produced a receipt of house No. 118 in the same street the rent for which was only \$20.

Mr. d'Almada: "How much rent are you prepared to pay?" The landlady says the pre-war rent was \$75.

Lee Sit-ching: "I am ready to give her \$40. This is higher than what is being paid by my neighbours."

Mr. d'Almada: "Would you care to accept the rental at \$75?" "No, it is too high for me."

Applicant said that she was owed four months' rent and that she wished to take back the premises.

The tribunal decided to inspect the premises before giving its decision. Hearing was adjourned to Dec. 27.

## EVICTION ORDER

The Kowloon Tenancy Tribunal finished its first case yesterday when Mr. Horace Lo presided, assisted by Mr. E. Terry and F. Granelli. Application for eviction from the front portion of 339, Nathan Rd., Kowloon, was made by Wan Hon-keung. Opposite were Chan Yau Fung, who was absent due to illness, and her husband, Lau Shiu-chuk.

Wan Hon-keung, towed that he was authorised by the landlord to take full possession duty for the premises from Feb. 1, 1942. The front portion was used by the Chi Lo Soc. Club, but after the surrender in 1941, the club premises were botched and there were no tenants.

The case for the other side was that they were asked by Mr. Lam, chairman of the Chi Lo to take care of the flat. They had paid no rent from Feb. 1942 to the present day. Witnesses were called and said that members and officials of Chi Lo invited the occupants to stay in the premises.

Lam Shu-chuk, manager of Chi Lo asked to produce rent receipts said he was unable to do so.

Wan Hon-keung said that the opponents to the application first came to the premises with two Japanese, and not with anybody from Chi Lo.

An order for eviction by the end of this month was given.

A member of Chi Lo asked for permission to appeal which was given by Mr. Lo.

## Britain Requested To Hold Horses

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—SIAM TO DELAY THE SIGNING OF ANY AGREEMENT UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF BRITISH-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT, ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

He said the United States had repeated its request on several occasions when it appeared that an agreement formally terminating hostilities between Britain and Siam was about to be signed.

The American request for delaying any agreement was because of the following factors:

The long period of sympathetic relationship between the United States and Siam, including United States sympathy with Siamese hopes for an independent democratic government.

Secondly, America's great interest in peace and stability throughout the Far East as a result of the major part played by the United States in the war against Japan.

Acheson said the United States had been kept informed of developments in the Siamese-British discussions, but that atmospheric conditions had delayed messages on the subject.

British officials in Washington had predicted the agreement would be signed within the next week.—Associated Press.

## FORD STRIKE ENDS IN CANADA

Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 20. Workers at the Ford Motor plant here decided last night to end the strike which has been in progress since September 12, by accepting the Government sponsored "back to work" plan.

The strike was the longest and most serious in Canada's motor industry and involved ten thousand workers.—Reuters.

## Tokyo Palace Strike!

TOKYO, Dec. 20.—According to Kyodo news agency 60 members of the Imperial Palace guards have struck and the remaining 500 have threatened to walk out unless key officials were dismissed and other "democratisation" measures taken.

The unprecedented situation is reported to have created confusion among palace officials who "don't know how to apologize to His Majesty" for the strike. Associated Press.

## Five Years' Hard Labour For Junk Pirate

Sentence of five years' hard labour was imposed on Chan Shing, 21, who was found guilty by the Standing Military Court yesterday of armed robbery and of carrying of arms while committing an offence at Cheung tau Harbour on September 22.

Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. Horace Lo comprised the court.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, assisted by Inspector A. Bethell, prosecuted.

Accused was charged with robbing Fung Shing, on board a fishing junk of HK\$230, CN\$7,000, three anchors, 30,000 fishing hooks, 40 suits of clothing, ten fishing nets, one pouch of rice, one pair of gold and pearl earrings, four ours, three white hemp ropes and seven catties of green hemp.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that on September 22, while the occupants of fishing junk No. 7459A were sleeping, four men boarded the boat. Two of them were armed, one with a revolver and the other with three hand grenades. The men said they were members of the Red army and wished to be taken to Pin O. While the junk was proceeding on its way, the master was pushed overboard, his son following him into the water. The rest of the occupants were left ashore at Ah Chow.

The junk was next seen in Tso O by the owner.

Mr. Leo d'Almada interrupted to say: "The facts seem familiar."

Mr. F. X. d'Almada: "This case came before this court in October when another member of the gang was sentenced."

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said the owner made a report to Wong Ki-ching, the guerrilla head, and Wong Kwei was charged in October. Chan Shing was recognised by the junk owner at Cheung tau on Dec. 6 and was arrested.

Mr. Leo d'Almada said: "Your confederate was sentenced to five years' hard labour. You will go to prison for the same period with hard labour."

## COCKTAIL PARTY

Over 300 persons were present at the cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel given by Mr. Leung Yew in honour of Mr. M. K. Lo, who was recently invested with the C.B.E. for invaluable services rendered to the British Empire.

Among those present were Brigadier D. M. MacDougall, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Col. W. M. Thomson and Sir Shuson Chow.

## 1,500 CHINESE REFUGEES ARRIVE TO-DAY

The S.S. Cheshire is expected to-day with 1,500 Chinese refugees from Australia.

In order to provide accommodation for these repatriates, no bookings will be allowed on the through train from Kowloon to Canton at 8:35 a.m. to-morrow morning.

## CAUGHT ON THE SPOT

Ng Pul was arrested on the spot on Wednesday after snatching a wrist watch from a Chinese woman in Pei Ho Street, Shamshui Po. Lt. Nigel, convicting him yesterday, said he considered the case serious because accused was guilty of stealing by force and his victim was a woman. Accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

## A HEAVY SMOKER

For having in her possession without a permit, 20 packets of military cigarettes and four tins of "Churchman" also marked military stores, Chan Ah Mu was charged before Lt. Nigel yesterday.

She pleaded ignorance that she did not know the goods were military stores and said she bought them to smoke herself.

"Rather a heavy smoker, aren't you?" said Lt. Nigel, ordering a fine of \$25 and the cigarettes to be restored to the D.I.D.

## Affidavits Struck Out In Trial

## YOKOHAMA, DEC. 20.—AN AFFIDAVIT OF ABUSE AND MURDER OF AN AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR WAS STRICKEN FROM THE RECORDS YESTERDAY AT THE TRIAL OF THE JAPANESE CHARGED WITH HIS DEATH.

THE MILITARY COURT ACTION PROSECUTION PROTESTS THAT SUCH A STRENUOUS

WILL CAUSE MANY OF OUR CASES TO FAIL."

The affidavit of Private First

Class Charles Gavord, who was a former prisoner of war, was ruled out because the prosecution could not produce the original copy and attempted to introduce a mimeographed copy as a certified duplicate.

Maj. Louis Goffen, chief prosecutor of Takeo Tsuchiya, nicknamed "Little Glass Eye,"

for the killing of P.F.C. Robert

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## Idle Sentimentality Towards China Ended

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—THE REPORTED CESSION OF CHINESE CIVIL CONFLICT AND THE SCHEDULING OF A UNIFICATION CONFERENCE BY CHINA'S CONTENDING FACTIONS HAS GIVEN GENERAL MARSHALL AN AUSPICIOUS GROUNDWORK FOR THE BEGINNING OF HIS MISSION TO CHUNGKING. IN THE OPINION OF WASHINGTON OFFICIAL CIRCLES, MARSHALL IS EXPECTED BY STATE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES TO INAUGURATE IMMEDIATE EFFORTS TO EXECUTE THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON CHINA POLICY.

Officials here feel that the sudden quiet in China's internal strife resulted from Truman's statement.

The Washington "Post" editorially credited "general hardening of the Allied policy toward China" with a portion of the credit.

The newspaper expressed the belief "the days of idle sentimentality toward China have

## PRISON FOR STABBING

Pleading guilty to a charge of maliciously wounding Too Too, a member of the crew of H.M.S. Lancashire on November 19 at No. 84, Lockhart Road, Chan Kam-chee was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Court yesterday morning.

Inspector Goddard said the wounding occurred at 2:40 a.m. on November 19. Accused used a chisel following a quarrel and struck complainant in the stomach. Complainant was, at one time, in a serious condition.

Referred to Russia, the "Post" said: "It is evident that Moscow has ceased to flirt with Yenan." It also interpreted the Russians' cooperation with China in Manchuria as further evidence that Moscow is supporting Chiang Kai-shek's regime.

Some official quarters here expressed the opinion that Chiang's Government showed itself unexpectedly slow in executing its post-war tasks, especially in recycling the Japanese surrendered in China, thereby providing a definite factor leading up to Truman's statement.

The "Post" expressed the opinion that Russia and the United States now have achieved parallel policies toward China. Associated Press.

In 1942 he went to Macao. Since then his health had not been good and he spent most of his time in hospital.

The late Mr. Souza was a well known sportsman and during his school days he represented his College in football and cricket.

He was a member of the Cranbrook Cricket Club and represented them in cricket and lawn bowls, being one of the Club's best bowlers.

He is survived by his father, Mr. M. A. R. Souza, and brother, Mr. G. A. Souza, who is at present in Shanghai.

## UNRRA VISITORS

Mr. T. A. Martin, Regional Director of the U.N.R.R.A. organization, arrived in Hong Kong from Canton by C.N.A.C. plane on Thursday.

Other U.N.R.R.A. officials, on their way to Shanghai, arriving from Canton included Miss J. T. Birdsey, Mr. A. F. Bowring, Mr. Chatham, Mr. Vinek and Mrs. M. Ransom.

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# MALAYA'S CONSTITUTION

## Objection Taken In House Of Lords' Debate

### Tories Think It Is Premature

VISCOUNT ADDISON, DOMINION SECRETARY, DENIED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO-DAY THAT THE NEW CONSTITUTION WAS BEING DICTATED TO MALAYA.

VISCOUNT MARCHWOOD (CONSERVATIVE) HAD SAID THAT OLD FRIENDS OF HIS FROM MALAYA SPOKE OF THE ANXIETY AND CONCERN REGARDING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS.

### Jap. Gestapo Building Taken Over

LONDON, Dec. 19. THE AMERICAN COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS FOR MALAY TOOK OVER A MODERN, LIGHT, GRAY BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE IMPERIAL MOAT TO-DAY, WHICH FOR 10 YEARS WAS HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE "TERROR POLICE," THE NOTORIOUS REMPTEL VAL.

From this four-story structure and C.I.C. Chief Brig Gen Elliott Thorne, the dread military sadist, radiated authoritarian control which enabled Premier Tojo to rule absolute power over the Japanese.

Its prisoners included thousands of Japanese. Numerous Americans also were held in its grim, dark walls.

One prisoner told American interrogators three Americans in crew members were held there. He named them as Sgt. Robert Evans of Littleton, West Virginia; Lt. Col. Turn and a man named Kodak. Thorne said all were interrogated.—Associated Press.

### Philippines Rehabilitation Bill

Washington, Dec. 20. The Philippines Resident Commissioner here, Mr. Carlos Romulo, to-day termed the Philippines Rehabilitation Bill awaiting House action as "the most important legislation concerning the Philippines now before the Congress legislators."

Romulo is pressing sharply for action on the pending measure which would provide \$450,000,000 for the Islands' postwar rehabilitation.

Romulo told the House that the Senate is passing the measure had expressed half the will of the United States. He said: "Now it is up to the House" and he urged speedy action.

The Philippines received a further attention of the House when Karl Stefan, Republican of Nebraska, inserted in the records the text of Romulo's recent speech before the United Nations forum on December 17. Stefan termed

### Enquiry Into Tank "Scandal" Demanded

MR. R. STOKES (LAB. IPSWICH), CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF RANSOMES AND RAFTER LTD., ASKED THE WAR MINISTER IN THE COMMONS WHETHER HE WOULD NOW CAUSE A FULL ENQUIRY TO BE MADE INTO THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TANKS AND TANK PRODUCTION DURING THE WAR AND RENDER A REPORT TO THE HOUSE.

LAWSON REPLIED THAT AS AT PRESENT ADVISED, HE COULD SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN AN ENQUIRY.

Stokes: May I ask whether the representations he made to the House on the subject of tanks and that he performed a public service.

Lawson said he had nothing to add to the answer he had given.

Stokes gave notice that in view of the unsatisfactory situation he would raise the matter at the earliest opportunity.—Reuter.

#### PEIRSE RETIRES

London, Dec. 19. The retirement of Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, retaining the rank of Air Chief Marshal, is announced. He became Command-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force in India after having been Chief of the R.A.F. Bomber Command.—Reuter.

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### Gold Scandal

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20. A Chinese Government official was to-day convicted while eight other defendants were acquitted in the gold scandal case which developed through alleged leak of information of China's plans to raise the price of gold futures about 75 per cent on March 28.

Wang Shao Chai, Department of the Ministry of Finance, immediately announced his intention to appeal.—Associated Press.

### Control Of Air Transport

LONDON, Dec. 19. The British Government proposes to establish three statutory corporations for air transport. It was stated in a White Paper on British air services to-night.

THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE IN THE NATIONALISATION OF CIVIL AVIATION PROVIDED FOR A MAJOR POLICY OF AIR TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AND THE BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATIONS BEING VESTED IN THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION.

The Government will seek by international agreements to eliminate all forms of subsidy, but recognise that some measure of State aid may be necessary to support essential but unremunerative services. Although the plan is a national one, it has been framed so that it can readily be fitted into any future scheme of an international organisation.—Reuter

### Cloud Of Secrecy In Moscow Talks

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent in London).

THE MOSCOW TALKS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET RUSSIA, BEGAN IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF OPTIMISM, HAVE BECOME OBSCURED IN WHAT APPEARS TO THE OUTSIDE OBSERVER TO BE A CLOUD OF SECRECY.

THERE MAY BE GOOD REASONS FOR THIS BUT ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT NEWS OF THE CONFERENCE IS PASSING THROUGH THE IRON SYSTEM OF SOVIET CENSORSHIP WHICH WAS RECENTLY RE-ESTABLISHED.

It is taken for granted that the talks which obviously have as their aim the formulation of policy which may have far-reaching effects upon the rest of the world and the control of atomic energy and solution of the Persian trouble are only two of the important matters which come within such policy making mud to some extent enter the realm of diplomatic secrecy.

Although the Moscow meeting began four days ago the net effect of all news described from the Soviet capital has been only that M. Molotov, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. James Byrnes have met.

There has been no linking of what has been under review.

SOVIET CENSORSHIP

The Soviet censorship, it may be recalled, was recomposed a week before the meeting of the Big Three and it appears to have reverted to the severity which rightly characterised it during the war for security reasons but which was continued long after the war had ended, up to about the end of October.

During November and up to as late as the first week of December newspaper correspondents in Moscow were allowed to write reasonably freely.

The reimposition of censorship, it is assumed, may not altogether be unconnected with the return about December 7, of former head of the Foreign Press Office section in Moscow.

This official during the period of relaxed censorship had undertaken other duties.—Reuter.

### Dispute Over Blacklisted Newsman

#### Isolationist Caustic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. The House of Representatives to-day voted 344 to 16 to make the United States a full partner in the United Nations Organisation.

The vote came on a Bill authorising the President to name United States representatives on the Organisation and empowering him to use economic sanctions and troops if necessary against aggressors. A similar Bill was approved earlier by the Senate.

Congressional leaders said they expect to iron out differences in a conference this week.

A few opponents of the U.N.O. Bill were bitterly caustic.

Representative Smith, Republican of Ohio, termed it "a vote for permanently undermining the economies of other nations, for guaranteeing the safety of the British Empire with the blood of our sons and daughters. It also gives approval to world communism."

Representative Sumner, Republican of Illinois, said the Bill "will throw away our independence and set up a world super-government and involve our boys in every war thereafter."—Associated Press.

#### FOUR CASES

The State Department indicated that the cases to be brought to the attention of the Chinese Government by the U.S. Embassy at Chungking were those of Edgar Snow, of the Saturday Evening Post, Darrel Barrigan, of the New York Post, and Harold Isaacs, of Noweek Magazine.

The Chinese Embassy disclosed that Jack Belden was also seeking to re-enter China for Collier's Magazine.

Up to now he had been refused permission but it was anticipated that a visa would

be granted him shortly.

The Embassy denied the existence of a Chinese Government blacklist of correspondents who are to be refused permits to enter the country.—Associated Press.

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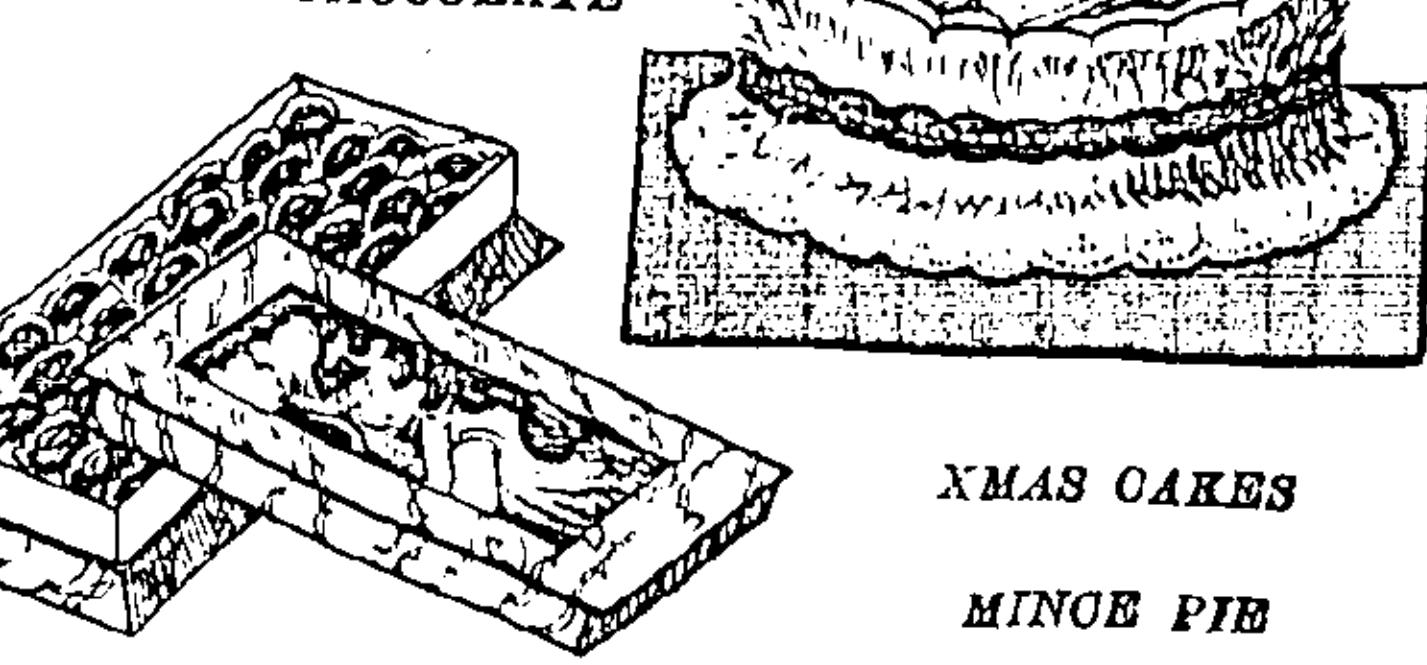
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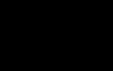
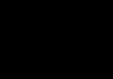
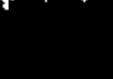
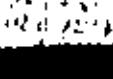
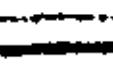
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T. G. STOKES, MAJOR, RATING OFFICER, Hong Kong, 14th December, 1945.

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For the Management Committee, Jas. H. TELFER, S.L., R.N.V.R. Secretary.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

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## Truman's Nine Points In Favour Of Merger

### Indianapolis Acquittal

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—CAPT. CHARLES MCVAY III WON A CQUITTAL LAST NIGHT ON CHARGES OF NEGLIGENCE AND INEFFICIENCY IN THE LOSS OF THE CRUISER "INDIANA POLIS."

The navy court martial which acquitted him after a lengthy trial withheld announcement of its findings in the case, however, pending review by higher naval authorities. McVay said he had no intention to make on the verdict.

McVay, as the final witness, defended himself vigorously against the accusation that as commander he was negligent and inefficient in her loss with 880 lives last July 30 between Guam and Leyte. The Navy attributed the sinking to submarine action.

Replying to the charge that he failed to maintain a zig-zag course through waters where enemy submarines might be encountered, McVay said he did not do so because safety was superior to speed in submarine warfare. The court found that he failed to exercise an abandoned article of naval law.

The Indianapolis sank within 24 hours of the collision with the Japanese submarine.

### U.S. FLIERS RELEASED

TIENTSIN, Dec. 20.—Six marine fliers who were held in Chinese Commandant custody for over a month were returned yesterday to marine headquarters.

The Commandants escorted them most of the way. Associated Press.

### BATAAN ATROCITIES

DALLAS, TEXAS, DEC. 20.—LIEUT. GENERAL JONATHAN C. WAINWRIGHT TODAY DECLARED THAT HE COULD GIVE DEFINITE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT GENERAL HOMMA WAS MOST CERTAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATROCITIES IN BATAAN.

Wainwright has asked for permission to testify by deposition instead of returning to the Philippines.

In an interview, he said: "Homma has stated he did not know anything about the death march and the sadistic action of his troops in dealing with the captives. As Commander-in-Chief in the Philippines, it was his business to know and he is directly responsible for the actions of his men." A quoted Press.

### Civilian Control Of Military

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—STEPPING SQUARELY INTO THE CENTRE OF THE LONG ARMY-NAVY DISPUTE, PRESIDENT TRUMAN CALLED WEDNESDAY FOR A MERGER OF THE ARMY AND NAVY INTO A SINGLE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITH THE AIR FORCES FULLY EQUAL TO THE LAND AND SEA ARMS.

TRUMAN, IN HIS FIRST STATEMENT ON THE CONTROVERSY WHICH HAS BEEN WAGED BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, FOLLOWED VIRTUALLY EVERY DETAIL OF THE OFFICIAL WAR DEPARTMENT PLAN FOR UNIFICATION.

He dashed one prime navy hope by declaring in his special message to Congress: "Further study of the general problem would serve no useful purpose."

Nine arguments underlined in Truman's own words were:

(1) we should have integrated strategic plans and a unified military programme and budget;

(2) we should realize the economies that can be achieved through unified control of supply and service functions;

(3) we should adopt an organizational structure best suited to fostering coordination between the armed services and the remainder of the nation;

(4) we should provide the strongest means for civilian control of the military.

Truman declared: "A military policy should be designed to support and protect our commitment to the United Nations Organization. It should be adjusted according to the success or lack of success of our diplomacy. It should reflect our fullest knowledge of the capabilities and intentions of other powers. Likewise, our foreign policy should take into account our military capabilities and the strategic power of our armed forces."

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KEY POSITIONS

Declaring, "I urge this as the best means of keeping peace," the President proposed that the new defense department be headed by a single cabinet minister operating with one under-secretary and several assistant secretaries, all of whom would be civilians.

There would be a departmental chief of staff with a command for each of the three component military branches army, navy and air forces.

The key positions should be filled with officers drawn from all services "so the thinking of the department would not be dominated by any one or two services."

The President suggested the Chief of Staff position be rotated among the different services when ever practicable and advisable.

Associated Press.

### C.I.O. Stands Firm On Strike Issue

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—DETERMINATION TO STAND FIRM IN ITS WAGE DEMANDS ON TWO MAJOR FRONTS WAS VOICED BY THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS' UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FACT-FINDING BOARD WAS CALLED TODAY FOR ITS FIRST HEARING ON THE MONTH-OLD GENERAL MOTORS STRIKE.

After rejecting the Ford offer to raise wages by 12.4 per cent, or 15 cents an hour, the Union declared it was holding out for the 30 per cent raise it originally demanded.

General Motors strikers voted by a 99 per cent majority to remain on strike until the Union demands were met in the bargaining conducted on President Truman's appeal for a resumption of work pending a report by the fact-finding Board.

The fact-finding Board's role, however, appeared to be limited with the eventual White House decision on whether car prices

should be considered to have a bearing on the matter.

Meanwhile, American Federation of Labor Union member employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company have ordered a strike after January 7 after negotiations broke down on 13 issues, including a 25 per cent wage increase demand.

Associated Press.

### NAZIS WANT 167 WITNESSES

NUERNBERG, DEC. 20.—THE RANKING NAZIS ON TRIAL HAVE REQUESTED 167 WITNESSES IN THEIR BEHALF, INCLUDING MANY WELL-KNOWN FIGURES. THE LARGEST SINGLE REQUEST IS FOR 33 BY S. S. GENERAL FRITZ SAUCKEL.

Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring asked for three, including A. Ward Price, British correspondent who interviewed him several times before the war.

Prosecutor Major Warren Farr started presentation of the case against Heinrich Himmler's elite guard, the S.S., which Farr described it as "a specialised type of apparatus" which Hitler needed for deeds for which neither the Reich government nor the Nazi party could assume responsibility.

The S.S. at first was composed of only 280 men, serving as Hitler's bodyguard. It grew into a sinister organisation of 240,000 men in 38 divisions by the year the war started.—Associated Press.

Petrescu made this statement while rumours were circulated that the Ceausescu government was nearing an end.

Tentative movements looking toward change have been officially made by the communist party.

Vice-Premier and Foreign Secretary George Tarakescu made today what is generally considered a bid for leadership in a speech underscoring failures of the communist dominated government but avoiding an inference that the Soviet is in any way to blame.—Associated Press.

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### Malayan Union Issue

LONDON, DEC. 20.—VISCOUNT MARCHWOOD, CONSERVATIVE, YESTERDAY ASKED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS VERSED IN MALAYAN AFFAIRS AND WITH LEADERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BEFORE EMBARKING ON A NEW MALAYA UNION.

Addressing the House of Lords, Marchwood said the plan for a union of the three Straits Settlements and nine Malay States did not make clear the Government's intention in regard to the inhabitants.

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### Winnie's Plans

London, Dec. 20.

Mr. Winston Churchill last night said good-bye to the Conservative Members of Parliament at the House of Commons in a fifty minute speech at a meeting of the Conservative private members.

He disclosed that he is going to Florida and said that he will not be back in London till the end of March, during which time Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, will take his place as leader of the Opposition.—Reuter.

### War Warnings Not Passed On

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.

VICE ADM. T. S. WILKINSON SAID AT THE PEARL HARBOUR HEARING THAT HE KNEW NO REASON WHY ADM. HUSBAND E. KIMMEL DID NOT RELAY WAR WARNINGS FROM WASHINGTON TO THE TASK FORCE WHICH LEFT PEARL HARBOUR FOR MIDWAY TWO DAYS BEFORE THE JAPANESE ATTACK.

Kimmel was then commander of the Pacific Fleet based at Pearl Harbour.

Wilkinson questioned the signature of a statement given by a Japanese naval officer in Tokyo last month to the effect that the Japanese overheard a United States broadcast on the number of warships and others entering or anchored in Pearl Harbour. Wilkinson indicated it probably was from some local broadcast or a radio amateur.

He said he knew of no reason for any official code message of that sort, leaving the implication that the Japanese had not read any American code in that instance.

The committee received evidence that the army feared a German-Japanese move into South America in June of 1940, screened by a naval raid on Pearl Harbour and sabotage of the Panama Canal. The army went on an immediate alert in Hawaii and Panama but lifted the alert after nothing unusual happened.—Associated Press.

Mr. A. T. Dow, who is joining Mackinnon Mackenzie in Hong Kong, arrived by Dakota from Saigon on Wednesday. Mr. G. W. Bainbridge arrived to join Cable and Wireless. Mr. N. E. Clark, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arrived by air from Singapore.

Associated Press.

### French Request For Break With Franco

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.

ACTING UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE LONG TALK HE HAD WITH DOCTOR JUAN NEGRIN, THE LAST PREMIER OF REPUBLICAN SPAIN, DID NOT INDICATE ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS SPAIN.

Acheson told a press conference that France had asked the United States to keep secret the contents of a note which the French Government had sent both to Britain and America on the relations of the three Governments with Franco's regime.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Constitutional Assembly in Paris to-day acclaimed the initiative of Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in sending the note to America and Britain and asked him to take the necessary measure to create an eventual joint rupture with Spain.

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The other delegates include Mr. Stettinius, former Secretary of State, who has also been appointed by the President as United States member on the United Nations Organisation Security Commission.—Reuter.

Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.

A Chinese dispatch to-day credited the Commander of the Chinese Garrison forces in Formosa with the statement that the United States' 7th Fleet would repatriate 200,000 disarmed Japanese troops over the next three or four months.—Associated Press.

### U.S. INTEREST IN INDONESIA

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—THE UNITED STATES TO-DAY EXPRESSED INCREASING CONCERN OVER THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES SITUATION AND VOICED THE HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WILL RENEW ATTEMPTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT REFRAMED FROM BLAMING THE INDONESIANS NATIONALISTS, THE DUTCH COLONIAL AUTHORITIES OR THE BRITISH OCCUPATION FORCES.

The United States also emphasized a definite interest in south-east Asia affairs by disclosing it has asked Britain and France to delay negotiations on an agreement to end hostilities.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson told a news conference he believed the United States, while not a direct party to the talks, should first be permitted full opportunity to express its views to Britain and France.

The statement on the Indies situation said the United States recognized that the primary responsibility for reaching agreement rest with the Dutch and

Indonesian leaders, but added that the United States cannot fail to be deeply interested in a solution of problems of vital importance to the whole world.

It said: "Our sole desire is to see such peaceful settlement achieved as will best aid world stability and prosperity and the happiness of the people."

It declared such a settlement is attainable only through a realistic, broad-minded, cooperative approach by all concerned and a will to reconcile differences peacefully.—Associated Press.

### Fighting Breaks Out At Buitenzorg</h